

Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 16th August-29th August 2026

The Rev's Ramblings

The Canaanite woman in Matthew 15 is wonderfully persistent. She is a Gentile, an outsider, and about as "untouchable" as you could get. She interrupts Jesus, makes a nuisance of herself, and refuses to take the hint when he initially ignores her.

And then things get really awkward. Jesus appears to dismiss her with the insult about "dogs". Not exactly the warm, pastoral welcome we might expect from the Son of God. Yet she doesn't storm off. She doesn't write an angry letter to the local newspaper. She stays, argues her case, and is prepared to humble herself to whatever extent necessary because her daughter needs healing.

Jesus sees her faith—and her single-minded determination—and her daughter is healed.

It makes me wonder about protesters. It's easy to demand that *other people* change. But how much are we prepared to change ourselves? Would I give up my comfort, convenience, habits or luxuries for the cause I claim to believe in?

Or does my commitment mysteriously end where my Netflix subscription, nice coffee or comfortable lifestyle begins?

Perhaps the Canaanite woman challenges us to ask:
Do I practise what I preach?

I suspect I preach most passionately about the things I most need to hear myself.

So, if I'm serious about wanting change—in myself, in others, or in the world—am I prepared to let that change cost me something?

Would I have her faith, courage and single-mindedness?

Or am I just very committed... provided it's not too inconvenient?

Prayer focus this week

Pray for all organisations who raise awareness of climate change.

Locally pray for Liberty Christian Centre – Grovehill (Assemblies of God) & St Francis of Assisi Church – Boxmoor (Anglican).

This week's other News



Dates for your Diary

Saturday 29th August at 6pm

Film Night in church.

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE



Saturday 12th September at 4pm

Cream Tea in church hall.

Tickets £10 from Church, from John Haynes or Emma De-Allie: emmalcc@hotmail.com

Tickets limited to 32 bought in advance.

Card Readers available.

NOTE: Liberty Tearooms CLOSED from:

16th September to 6th October 2026.

Sunday 11th October at 4pm

St Alban's Church, Warners End

Rev'd Austin will be licensed as Team Vicar with pastoral responsibility for St Alban's Church. All are welcome to attend.

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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK



SUNDAY 16th August – Trinity 11

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
10:00am SHARED REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL
11:00am ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH
and ON FACEBOOK
Readings this week: Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 Gospel Reading: Matthew 15.21-28
12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE



MONDAY to FRIDAY **NOT IN AUGUST**

9:30pm – NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am – MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*

THURSDAY 20th August

9:30am-11:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH

SATURDAY 22nd August

10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL

Next SUNDAY 23rd August – Trinity 12

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
11:00am FREE CHURCH COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH
and ON FACEBOOK

Readings this week: Romans 12.1-8 Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.13-20
12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE



MONDAY 24th August

2:30pm-5:30pm NEXUS HEALTH (NHS) MEETING IN CHURCH HALL

TUESDAY 25th August

1:30pm-3:00pm THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING IN CHURCH HALL

THURSDAY 27th August

9:30am-11:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH

FRIDAY 28th August

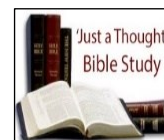
2:00pm-3:30pm 'JUST A THOUGHT' BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH HALL

SATURDAY 29th August

10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL
6pm FILM NIGHT IN CHURCH

Next SUNDAY 30th August – Trinity 13

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
11:00am ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH
and ON FACEBOOK



* For all Zoom events, please send an email to revaustin@sky.com to receive an invite.

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